GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN PILOTS IN THE COCKPIT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether permitting all foreing cockpit crew in Indian flights will pose problems of communication between the cockpit crew and the ATC;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) and (c):- No, Sir. All foreign piltos are subjected to an oral test wherein his/her English proficiency is assessed by a Board of officers of Directorate General of Civil Aviation and only if found satisfactory, their foreign licences are validated to operate Indian registered aircraft.